

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ ANSWER
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST
☒ UNTIMELY

DATE: 3/19/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-209

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Christine Bailey
Address: 214 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101
Office/Position: Downtown Development Authority / Shreveport
Dates of Service: 2017-2019 (Final)
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 3

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018
Report ID: PFD21000615
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
NOD Received: 1/10/2020 - Signed by: Christine Bailey
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/23/2020
PFD/Answer Filed: 1/29/2021

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 372
Total days late from initial due date: 625
Late Fee Order Received: 8/21/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/10/2020
Waiver Request Received: 1/26/2021

COMMENTS:

Christine Bailey is requesting a Waiver Request for the late filing of her 2018 PFD. Mrs. Bailey stated she sent an emailed back in August 2020, but did not receive a response, so she assumed the matter was settled. She stated she filed the Tier 2.1 disclosure, but did not keep a copy of the disclosure. She truly did not intend to do anything wrong and guess she got confused with the system, as she does not know a lot about governmental operations. She "guessed she thought the most important item was the Ethics Training Course". She believed she was doing her civic duty by volunteering on the board and working to improve downtown Shreveport. Mrs. Bailey stated that her business has suffered greatly since the Covid-19 Pandemic and she will probably have to close.

Mrs. Bailey emailed the BOE Website on 8/24/2020 and the PFD Director responded on 8/25/2020 asking Mrs. Bailey to call her. PFD Director never received a phone call in response to that email.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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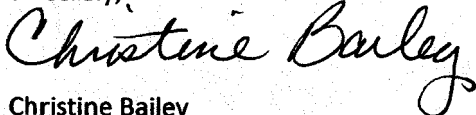
Attention: Ashley Wimberly

After the letter I received Friday, January 22; I need to see what can be done to rectify this predicament. After I sent an email back in August 2020, and got no response, I assumed the matter was settled. I filed the Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure for 2018, but did not keep a copy (for that matter I didn't keep copies of the reports for the three prior years of serving on the board).

I truly did not intend to do anything wrong and guess I just got confused with the system. Not knowing a lot about governmental operations I guess I thought the most important item was the ethics training courses. I believe I was doing my civic duty by volunteering on the board and working to improve downtown Shreveport.

I am asking the late fee and penalties be waived. Our business has already suffered greatly since the pandemic and will probably have to close.

Sincerely,



Christine Bailey

214 Texas Street

Shreveport, La. 71101

ETHICS BOARD REC'D
JAN 29 '21 AM 9:40

Ashley Wimberley

From: Ashley Wimberley
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:02 PM
To: 'christine.thenorsworthy@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Late Fee Assessment: All Other Inquiries

Good afternoon Mrs. Bailey,

Would you please give me a call at (225) 219-5600 regarding your email.

Thank you!

Ashley Wimberley
Personal Financial Disclosure Director Ethics Administration P. O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(225) 219-5600 - Office
(800) 842-6630 - Toll Free
(225) 381-7271 - Fax
www.ethics.la.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: christine.thenorsworthy@gmail.com <christine.thenorsworthy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Kathleen Allen <Kathleen.Allen@LA.GOV>
Subject: Late Fee Assessment: All Other Inquiries

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

All Other Inquiries

I received a letter informing me of a late fee, of \$1,500.00, for failure to do the Board of Ethics training for a volunteer board of directors I'm not on any more and haven't been since January 2018. Do I still have to do all the items required? I'm panicking! Firstly, I certainly don't have that kind of money at this time, lost my business, son moved in, husband payed less and got more doctor bills! And it was a volunteer position, trying to do my duty as a good citizen, and trying to make downtown Shreveport a better place. Nothing had changed from the 3 years of training prior so to try to charge me a late fee for a month (I really thought I was still good) is unfair. Please, will someone look into this for
Sincerely,
Christine Bailey

Ashley Wimberley

From: Jerrolyn Brees
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Help Ethics
Cc: Ashley Wimberley
Subject: RE: [Ticket #34968] Email Search Request: Christine Bailey - Help Desk

She sent an e-mail request through our website on 8/24/2020 at 3:22pm. The e-mail was sent to "All Other Inquiries" with the subject "Late Fee Assessment". Here is the body of her message:

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Christine Bailey

Slava also sent a request to the e-mail admins to do a further search.

Thank you,
Jerrolyn Brees
IT Applications Programmer/Analyst
Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

From: Help Ethics <Help.Ethics@LA.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Jerrolyn Brees <Jerrolyn.Brees@LA.GOV>
Subject: [Ticket #34968] Email Search Request: Christine Bailey - Help Desk

On Mar 17, 2021 @ 02:13 pm, ashley.wimberley@la.gov wrote:

Good afternoon,

Christine Bailey stated she emailed someone in August 2020. I do not have an email from her during that time. Are we able to check if she sent the agency an email and if so to whom did it go to. Please advise.

Thanks! christine.thenorsworthy@gmail.com

Ashley Wimberley

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Ticket Overview

Priority: Med

Creator: ashley.wimberley@la.gov

Assignee:

Ticket URL: http://WIN-7EV4U3JQ9MI/tickets/list/single_ticket/34968

App: <http://WIN-7EV4U3JQ9MI/>

Ticket Commands let you take control of your help desk remotely. Check the Spiceworks community for a full list of available commands and usage:
http://community.spiceworks.com/help/Tickets_Anywhere

Examples: #close, #add 5m, #assign to bob, #priority high